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1. ACCORDING TO HUNGARIAN PRESS DUPUTY PRIME MINISTER SZEKER, DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO IRAQ, SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE BY HUNGARY OF 4-5 MILLION TONS OF CRUDE FROM IRAQ. BETWEEN 1976 AND 1980.

2. HUNGARIAN CRUDE PRODUCTION IN 1976 TOTALED 2.1 MILLION TONS, IMPORTS 8.7 MILLION TONS. 7-7.3 MILLION TONS OF IMPORTS WERE FROM USSR, WHICH MEANS THAT APPROXIMATELY 1.5 MILLION TONS WERE PURCHASED FROM OTHER SOURCES, MOSTLY FROM IRAQ (DETAILS WELL BE AVAILALBE IN
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JULY). THE 10.8 MILLION TON TOTAL CONSUMPTION FIGURE FOR 1976 TALLIES WITH EARLIER ESTIMATES (RES A AND C).

3. ACCORDING TO MAGYAR LEADERS, HUNGARIAN DEMAND FOR CRUDE IS EXPECTED TO REACH 12 MILLION TONS BY 1980 (REF B). IF (AS EARLIER REPORTED) HUNGARY DOES NOT INTEND TO UTILIZE ALL OF ITS ALLOTTED CAPACITY IN PROPOSED ADRIATIC PIPELINE

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MAGYARS CAN PLAN ON FOLLOWING SOURCES IN 1980: DOMESTIC PRODUCTION 2.2 MILLION TONS; IMPORTS FROM SOVIET UNION 8 MILLION TONS; IMPORTS FROM IRAQ 1 MILLION TONS.

4. COMMENT: NEW AGREEMENT APPERS TO CODIFY EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS; IRAQIS REPORTEDLY ASKED THAT MAGYARS AGREE TO ANNUAL IMPORT FIGURE, PERHAPS IN PLACE OF SPOT PURCHASES. MUDD

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